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SUBJECT: TRIP REPORT: DROUGHT CONDITIONS IN MAURITANIA

1. ACTING AADO HITCHED RIDE AUGUST 30 ON PLANE CHARTERED BY FED/AID WAREHOUSE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR FOR FLIGHT TO KAEDI, PASSING OVER RIVER SENEGAL BETWEEN BOGUE AND KAEDI. LATTER AREA VERY GREEN WITH MILES OF STANDING WATER COVERING BOTTOM LANDS ALONG BOTH SIDES RIVER. FLOODING APPEARED BE PROCEEDING NORMALLY AND LOCAL PEOPLE PREDICTED GOOD HARVEST FOR RIVER VALLEY.

2. FYI. FULLY 65 PERCENT OF MAURITANIA'S CEREAL HARVEST IN NORMAL YEARS COMES FROM BOTTOM LAND ALONG SENEGAL RIVER. PLANTING BEGINS AS SOON AS FLOOD WATERS RECEDE IN LATE SEPTEMBER/EARLY OCTOBER. HARVEST COMES IN DURING FEBRUARY/MARCH. REASONABLE ESTIMATES BOTTOM LAND HARVEST NOT POSSIBLE UNTIL END OCTOBER WHEN AGRIC DEPARTMENT ESTIMATES TOTAL HECTERAGE PLANTED. IT SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT REPEATED EBB AND FLOW SENEGAL FLOOD WATERS DEEMED NECESSARY TO GOOD HARVEST. SUCH FLOODING IS, OF COURSE, NOT A FACTOR OF RAINFALL IN MAURITANIA, BUT RATHER OF RAINFALL IN AREA SENEGAL RIVER HEADWATERS. END FYI.

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3. AT KAEDI, LOCAL OFFICIALS REPORTED RIVER NAVIGABLE TO

GOURAYE, RIVER TOWN NEAREST TO SELIBABY AND OPPOSITE BAKEL, SENEGAL. GOURAYE TRAFFIC WILL, HOWEVER, BECOME IMPOSSIBLE BY END SEPTEMBER AS RIVER BEGINS FALL. WHARF AT KAEDI NOT APPROACHABLE BY RIVER BARGES DUE SILTING, BUT UNLOADING GRAIN AND OTHER GOODS PROCEEDING ASPACE DIRECTLY ONTO KAEDI LEVEE. OTHER THAN POORLY MAINTAINED 1000-TON WHARF-SIDE SHED, KAEDI GRAIN STORAGE REPORTEDLY FULL TO OVERFLOWING.

4. AID-FINANCED GRAIN WAREHOUSE CONSTRUCTION IN VERY EARLY STAGES GROUND-BREAKING AT KAEDI, BUT CONTRACTOR PROMISES MID-OCTOBER COMPLETION. OTHER AID-AND FED-FINANCED STORAGE CONSTRUCTION FURTHER ALONG WITH OCTOBER COMPLETION DATE SCHEDULED DESPITE DELAYS IN TRANSPORTING CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS OVER RAIN-SOAKED TRACKS. SHURTLEFF

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